

On motion of Senator Wood, the bill and amendments were referred to the Judiciary committee.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on the Affairs State, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the United States Congress, to procure the establishment of certain mail routes; reported the same with amendments. On motion the bill was taken up—amendments adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Scott, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled, an act regulating in part, the trials of cases of trespass, to try title; read 1st time.

Senator Bourland, Chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, to whom was re-committed a bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Polk, reported a substitute for the bill and recommended its passage. On motion the bill was taken up—substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senate, on motion adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
FRIDAY, March 6, 1846.  
10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Wallace, Senator Williamson was granted leave of absence from the Senate.

Senator Jewett presented the petition of Lewis O. Durst and John Durst, praying the passage of a law to authorize Lewis O. Durst to exercise all the privileges that he could were he of lawful age; read and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Senator Bourland, Chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, an act creating the county of Saline, reported the same back to the Senate with amendments and recommended its passage; also a bill to be entitled, an act creating the county of Cherokee with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported the following as correctly engrossed, to wit;

A bill to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hopkins.

A bill to be entitled, an act prescribing and defining the time at which laws that may be hereafter enacted, shall have, and go into effect.

Senator Navarro introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to establish courts of conciliation; read 1st time.

Senator Robinson introduced a bill to be entitled, an act to repeal statutes on rents; read 1st time.

Senator Wallace introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to provide for the more certain collection of all unpaid taxes upon land; read 1st time.

Senator Wallace offered a resolution, to refer the 23d section of article 7 of the Constitution, to the Judiciary committee, with instructions to report a bill thereon. Adopted.

Senator McKinney, Chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled, an act to revive the act incorporating the Galveston and Virginia Point Bridge Company, reported the same back to the Senate, by substitute, and recommended its passage.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled, an act to provide for the change of venue in civil and criminal cases, having been reported by the Judiciary committee in accordance with a resolution of the Senate, was read 1st time.

A bill to be entitled, an act to exclude from office, from serving on juries, and from the right of suffrage, all persons who may hereafter be convicted, and upon whom final judgment shall have been executed, of bribery, perjury, subornation of perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, grand larceny, or treason against this State or the United States; read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled, an act to make valid the acts of the Chief Justices and Associate Justices, while sitting as a board of Land Commissioners between the 1st Monday of September, 1845, and the 1st of January, 1846; read 2d time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled, an act to fix the time for holding the election of members of the United States Congress; read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled, an act to organize Justices' courts, and

define the powers and jurisdiction of the same; read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A message from the House, transmitting a bill, to be entitled, an act to legitimate a certain child named Mary, the daughter of Frederic Otto and Caroline Gerechscher, and requesting the concurrence of the Senate to the same; read 1st time; also, informing the Senate of the passage of a bill, to be entitled, an act to postpone the holding of the District Courts in the several Judicial Districts, which originated in the Senate.

A bill to be entitled, an act to authorize parties to suits to appear therein in person; read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

A joint resolution, for the relief of the heirs of John G. Welchmeyer deceased; read 2d time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to regulate in part, the trial of cases of trespass to try title; read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

Joint resolution, to provide for the destruction of the liabilities of Texas which have been paid and redeemed; read 2d time and referred to Finance committee.

A bill to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hopkins; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to be entitled, an act prescribing and defining the time at which all laws that may be hereafter enacted, shall have and go into effect; read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Senator Scott, a bill to be entitled, an act to provide for the enumeration of the free inhabitants of the State of Texas, on the report of the committee on the Affairs of State, was taken up; report and substitute adopted.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment: insert after the word "inhabitant" in section 4, "residing in the county or in any town or city containing not exceeding 500 inhabitants, 3 cents. In any town or city containing over 500 and not exceeding 2000 inhabitants, two cents; and in any town or city containing a larger number of inhabitants, one cent for whites, and in all cases one cent for negro slaves. Adopted.

Senator Wallace offered the following amendment: "*Provided*, that for every resident white citizen who may not be enumerated, said Assessor and Collector shall forfeit three cents. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Wood, bill was laid on table.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock  
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SENATE CHAMBER, }  
SATURDAY, March 7, 1846. }  
10 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator Hogg, one of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled, an act to legalize and make valid the official acts of Chief and Associate Justices, while sitting as a board of Land Commissioners, between the 1st Monday of September, 1845, and the 1st day of January, 1846: reported the same back to the Senate by substitute, and recommended its passage—also, a joint resolution, concerning the protection of the frontier; reported the same to the Senate by substitute, and recommended its passage—also, an act to exempt from taxation \$250 worth of household furniture and other property, reported the same with the following amendment and recommended its passage: in 4th line, after the word “other” add “personal.”

Senator Wallace, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to be entitled, an act to place volunteers in the naval service on the same footing as volunteers in the army, and recommended its indefinite postponement; bill and report laid on the table until Monday next.

*To the Honorable the President of the Senate:*

The committee have prepared a report on this subject, that may well accord with the opinions and feelings of the government of the United States, of which Texas is now a component part, and doubtless with those of a large majority of the people of Texas. Though the giving of general satisfaction ought to be a primary object of a representative's desire, there is another object worthy of his most attentive consideration, which seeming to be paramount, impels this committee-man, while very reluctantly differing from the majority of the committee, relative to the interpretation of the resolutions of the